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### 'Horizons' to encourage women

Carla Lawson  
Staff Writer

Expanding Your Horizons, a career conference to draw young women into science and math fields, will offer two sessions—8-11:45 a.m. and 12:30-4:15 p.m.—Saturday on campus.

Horizons, a nationwide effort organized by the American Association of University Women.

Studies show that high school girls take less and less math and science classes each year of their education, Outreach Counselor Donna Kachlic said.

Women who use science and math skills in their careers will serve as role models to the sixth, seventh and eighth grade young

women. Each participant will attend two workshops.

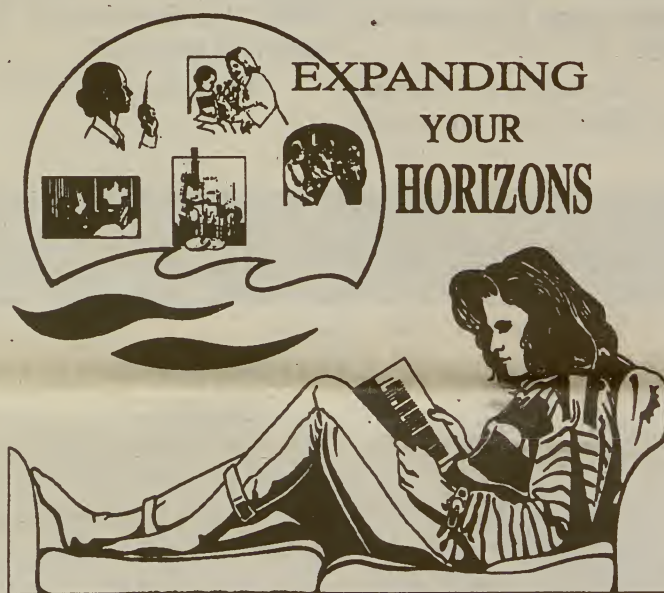
Workshops will include: "My Of-

fice is a Zoo," explaining safe immobilizing techniques for animals and "Designer Genes," show how scientists alter DNA.

An adult program will feature separate workshops to encourage adolescent girls and teach science in everyday activities.

The Tyler Branch of AAUW, the Trane Company, TJC Foundation, Trinity Clinic and Southwestern Bell are official sponsors of Horizons.

AAUW is currently receiving donations towards an endowed scholarship for young women in science and mathematical fields. For additional information contact College Relations director Dixie McCormick, 510-2371.



### Kind people to gather in Bergfeld Park tomorrow

By Landon Lewis  
Staff Writer

Students, faculty, and staff are invited at noon tomorrow to a celebration of Random Acts of Kindness Day 1995 at Bergfeld Park.

Everyone is encouraged to sign a banner, making a commitment to perform one random act of kindness within the next month.

Random acts of kindness are those sweet and lovely things people do for no reason except the sheer sake of giving, Coordinator Liza Ely said. This celebration will culminate Random Acts of Kindness Week.

"Often people share their pain or illness with others, but what if everyone shared random kindness instead?" Ely said.

A festive atmosphere with music and various community groups is planned for the mid-day affair. Several campus groups are expected to participate including members of the Apache Band and Phi Theta Kappa.

This day originated in California when Ann Herbert noticed some graffiti and she thought, "Why not random acts of kindness instead of random acts of graffiti?" Then some teachers asked students to commit random acts of kindness. Finally a book listing random acts of kindness became a best-seller. The hope is that this gathering will initiate a movement in East Texas, Ely said. For more information call 903- 882-0819.

### Spring degree signup nears

Heather McLeod  
Staff Writer

March 1 is the deadline to apply for a degree, Registrar Bill Wilmeth said. Those who miss the deadline must be dealt with on a one-on-one basis.

Those who will finish degree requirements by May can pick up an application at the Registrar's office. They must complete a survey about the quality of education and facilities at TJC.

Completed applications and surveys are to be returned to the Registrar's Office.

The degree costs \$15, whether one participates in the May 13 ceremony or not. Students pay at the cashier's office in the White Center.

For more information call the Registrar's office at 510-2401.

### 'PJ Game' to open Feb. 23

Derek Rowan  
Staff Writer

Romance at a pajama factory might be something seen on a daily soap opera. But the spring musical, "The Pajama

Game" by Adler & Ross, promises to be a far cry from a soap opera.

The story centers around the problems of workers in the

"Sleep Tight Pajama Factory." The story's focus is the romance between Sid, the plant manager and Babe, head of the grievance committee.

Set in the 1950s, the story uses musical numbers, dancing and dramatic interludes to deliver the story. The cast

of 45 students is joined by an orchestra, Theater Instructor Jacque Shackelford said. The balance between drama and music gives the audience a chance to enjoy the many elements of the story.

*"This is the kind of evening of entertainment that isn't so deep...where you might leave singing the songs," Shackelford said.*

"Nearly every act has a song with lots of dance numbers," Shackelford said. "I think it's time for the tango, don't you?"

"This is the kind of evening of entertainment that isn't so deep...where you might leave singing the songs," Shackelford said.

"The Pajama Game" will run Feb. 23-25 at 7:30 p.m. in Wise Auditorium. Missing this show would be missing "lots of fun," she said.





**Pam Bailey - Tyler**  
sophomore

"Your opinion of yourself is most important. It's how you set your goals."

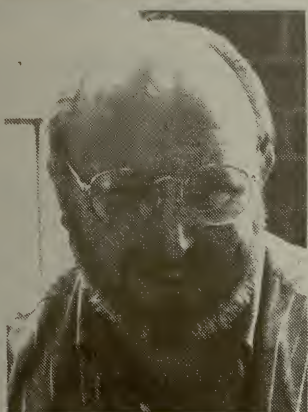
"Your own motivation, how far you want to strive to succeed."



**Patsy Jackson - Rusk**  
freshman

## In my opinion

*What determines if you are a success?*



**Everett Watson - Tyler**  
sophomore

"It definitely is not monetary. Too many people associate success with money. Many of those people with all that money are not very happy people. Be happy with yourself, your family and your work."

"It's what's between your ears."



**Pam Pace - LaRue**  
freshman

# Success just a state of mind

Success is in the mind of the thinker. A man, who all of his life, dreamed of becoming a circus clown, finally reaches his goal. After years of six-figure paychecks from a Wall Street brokerage firm, he completes the clown academy and is hired as a clown apprentice. His dream has been fulfilled. Success has come his way.

How could he be considered a success if he left a highly lucrative position on Wall Street for a peon circus job that will barely feed his family? What about all the perks and prestige of the boardroom? He has traded it all for sawdust and elephant poop. Has he lost his mind?

Our society, for the most part, believes that success is

achieved only when there is enough money in the bank account to make the mortgage payment, pay the installment on the Beemer and still have money left over to send the kids to the psychologist so they can be taught to deal with being left alone too much of the time.

Once again, success is in the mind of the thinker. Success cannot be measured by the number of zeros that trail behind the dollar sign on a paycheck. Nor can it be measured by the sheer vastness of the stuff that paycheck can buy. There is a "No Fear" shirt that reads, "He who dies with the most toys still dies!"

A preacher who has wan-

dering souls walk the aisle after his sermon considers himself, or at least his message, a success. A teacher whose struggling student passes an exam considers that a success, as does that student.

Success has no more to do with money than intelligence has to do with wisdom. All the money in the world cannot buy wisdom nor can it buy happiness. It might pave the road a little smoother, but when the path narrows, money and position cannot fulfill hopes and dreams the same way self-determination can.

To succeed, there must be a goal. To reach a goal, there must be determination. Determine to be happy and success will surely follow.

## Enrollment drops, Lewis cites trend

*By Ambré Howard*  
Staff Writer

After the first 12 class days, the Registrar's office has announced enrollment this semester has dropped only about seven percent.

This spring after dropping nonpayment students and students who have not attended the first 12 class days, the official count is 7,077 compared to last spring's final enrollment of 7,879.

Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis said decreasing enrollment at the freshman and sophomore level appears to be a statewide trend. "Although there has been a tuition increase since last year that is probably only a small part of the decrease," Registrar William Wilmeth said.

"It is more likely that since the economy is up, more people are working and are not as worried about furthering their education until there is another shortage of jobs," Wilmeth said.

Because TJC is consid-

ered a large junior college and at least half of the students are adults already in the work place, Wilmeth does not think the decrease will create a problem.

"The high school market has fallen off considerably in recent years," he said. "There are not as many high school

graduates as there were 10 years ago."

"This shows that even though there are fewer students graduating from high schools, many are still choosing to start their education at TJC," Lewis said.

## Tyler Junior College News

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# 2 succeed through G.E.D.

## Fletcher, Robertson make Who's Who list

Heather McLeod  
Staff Writer

Computer science graduate Lorie Fletcher and Business Major Adam Robertson were two of the 61 named to the 1995 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Fletcher and Robertson are unique to this group, because they are general education development graduates.

Fletcher had to take the G.E.D. test to get high school credit, because she got pregnant five months after she was married. She was 16 years old, a sophomore at Robert E. Lee High School.

Pregnant students in 1978 were not allowed to attend public schools. Due to this law and her poor physical condition during her pregnancy, Fletcher dropped out.

Divorce left her a single parent, searching for a job to support her son.

She took the G.E.D. test at TJC in 1981, and went to work at Brookshire's Warehouse to support her child.

"I took the (G.E.D.) test cold turkey," Fletcher said, "I did the best I could and hoped for the best."

She worked for Brookshire's for 11 1/2 years, but could no longer advance without a degree.

"I could do what the job required," Fletcher said, "but I didn't have a degree to back it up."

Fletcher remarried in 1983. Her husband's job as a firefighter was secure enough to allow her to go to college.

While attending TJC,

Fletcher worked as a tutor, and in the support services office where she is currently employed. "I like working at TJC,"

dren, one her own and three her second husband's, Fletcher has enough to keep her busy.

Robertson got his high

*I took the G.E.D. test cold turkey.  
I did the best I could and hoped  
for the best*

said Fletcher. "It's a very laid-back environment compared to

school education by correspondence from home. He chose most of his own textbooks, and basically taught himself.



my job at **Adam Robertson**  
Brookshire's."

She plans to enroll at UT Tyler, and add to her associates degree in computer science. She hopes to get a job in programming here.

"I am so thankful that I graduated last semester," Fletcher said.

As a mother of four chil-

Robertson did not go through a G.E.D. program. He just took the test in Rusk, passed it and received a State of Texas High School Equivalency certificate.

Before going to law school, he plans to

get his CPA degree.

Robertson's family business, real estate closings, where he has been working for six years, is closely linked with attorneys. That's why he wants to become a lawyer.

Now in his fourth semester at TJC, Robertson says he expects to graduate next December. If all goes as he plans, he will spend two years at UTT and then to Baylor University Law School.

Robertson thinks Computer Science Instructor Judy Kroll who nominated him to Who's Who. She had asked him for his address and phone number in case she "want to nominate him someday."



**Lorie Fletcher**

## RTDC offers G.E.D. preparation

Person interested in taking the G.E.D. test can get help in a preparation course at the Regional Training and Development Complex, Learning Center Manager Nancy Loper said.

The course offers videos, software and classroom setting to help in prepare for students.

The staff gives pre-tests those they have evaluated. This helps finding the individual's weaknesses.

The RTDC provides reading material for those with weaknesses in social studies, science and history.

"Those with weaknesses in English or math just have to spend more time practicing and studying," Loper said.

Students may stay in the preparation study until they feel ready for the test.

"It is a wonderful program," Loper said. "Their success (in the program) makes them successful."

## Guide dog gives student sight

Lucia Hawkins  
Staff Writer

When Duane Franklin comes to class, he has his best friend at his side—his gorgeous blonde Labrador dog named Flash. Franklin is a returning student working toward a counselling degree. He knew that, especially while on campus, a guide dog would really help him.

Five months ago Franklin went to Columbus, Ohio, to pick up his dog from the Pilot Club. Franklin spent more than a week there in intense training programs. That included learning many commands and "a lot of walking," Franklin said. Franklin's transportation, training programs and his dog, which cost about \$5,000, were all donated to him through the Pilot and Lions clubs.

Flash works hard looking after Franklin guiding him up

and down steps, across streets and from classroom to classroom. If Franklin gives Flash a command and the dog senses impending danger, he will override his master's command. When they are together on campus, they work as one but at home, off comes the harness and Flash has the run of the house.

Franklin likes to meet people, and is impressed with the friendliness of students and the assistance he gets with directions as he and Flash learn their way around campus.

Although the dog looks up with those big brown eyes, Franklin asks students not to pet her. She is just like a person—she loves that extra attention. If she comes looking for it and expecting it, she won't do her job correctly. That could easily and unintentionally put her master's safety in jeopardy.

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# Mother of 2, straight A student, achieves dream

*'Something I always wanted to do'*

Suzanne Loudamy  
Staff Writer

Eydie Crews is a busy woman. She works hard at home and at school where her efforts have been rewarded with recognition on the President's list. This is given only to students completing a minimum of 12 semester hours with a 4.0 GPA.

Crews has also won the Kinsey Scholarship based on academics and attendance. This scholarship paid her full tuition for spring semester.

"I will be completing the LVN program in August. If I am accepted, I will begin the associate degree nursing program then and will finish with my RN in December, 1996," Crews said.

Sacrifices have been great at the Crews' home to make this opportunity possible, but the family doesn't seem to mind too much.

Crews' husband Andy, a process design engineer for Howe-Baker, said, "She saw me through school and I guess I can see her through. We'll all be

really, really happy when she's done."

"The family has had to get used to eating casseroles, take-out and leftovers," she said.

Daughters Kristen and Allison are proud of their mom. It's OK with 4-year-old Kristen that Mom is going to school except, "when she's studying - shhh! You have to be really quiet."

Allison, 9, said, "I think it's great Mom is going to school because she's getting to do what she wants to do."

Crews spends what little free time she has in service to others. Besides work at her church, she also volunteers at Mother Frances Hospital as a labor coach for mostly teenage girls who are alone in their pregnancy and delivery.

Lack of time is the major factor in all of this.

"There is not enough time to study and get everything done. The girls have been understanding in that Mom can't make the parties at school and such," Crews said.

"I chose this field because it is



Photo by Suzanne Loudamy

STORY TIME—Eydie Crews and daughter Kristen enjoy reading.

something I always wanted to do. I really enjoy working closely with people. I'm not in this career change at 29 to buy a new car. I'm in it for the

personal satisfaction," Crews said.

"I attribute my success to my family accepting my decision and backing me up."

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## Literacy classes near

The Literacy Council of Tyler needs volunteers to teach reading to adults or high risk youth. In only two hours a week an individual could make the difference in someone's life, Program Coordinator Nancy Crawford said. To become certified, tutors must complete 12-15 hours of workshop this weekend.

English as a Second Language tutor workshop classes will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 18 and from 1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 19. Knowledge of the student's first language is not necessary to tutor English as a Second Language.

All tutoring classes are taught in room 401 of the Robert R. Muntz Library on the University of Texas at Tyler campus.

Workshops are free but space is limited and pre-registration is required. People wishing to participate can register at the Smith County Office Building, 106 E. Elm on the fifteenth

floor. The applicants are required to fill out a data sheet and submit to an interview. Upon completion of each workshop, participants receive certification in the Laubach tutoring method.

Experienced volunteer tutors will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, contact the Literacy Council at (903) 533-0330.

The Council provides instruction as a council, but other organizations do so, too. P.A.T.H. Literacy, Marvin Methodist Church, TJC Adult Center and the Community Storefront are other locations where literacy tutoring are taking place.

## Choir sings gospel

The Gospel Choir consists of "TJC students who wish to enlighten their spiritual side while away from home," Choir Sponsor Pam London said.

Although the Choir is predominantly African-American, it welcomes all students who are interested in singing, she said. They practice from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Wise Cultural Arts Building.

The Choir performs at local churches and other places they are invited. They plan to go to Prairie View A&M University for the Prairie View Gospel Festival in April.

Freshman DeMarcus Pierson is the president and Darwin Hughes is head musician. Pierson said, "The choir is for students who wish to uplift their voices and sing about Jesus."

For more information contact London at 510-2524.

## Symphony to play

East Texas Symphony Orchestra presents the Jim Cullum Jazz Band in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb 18, at the Caldwell Auditorium.

Members of the Jim Cullum Jazz Band include: John Sheridan, piano and arrangement; Howard Elkins, banjo and guitar; Don Mopsick,

bass; Brian Ogilvie, clarinet; Ed Torres, drummer and Mike Pittsley, trombone.

Selections featured include *South Pacific*, a symphonic scenario; *Slaughter on 10th Avenue* by Richard Rogers; *A Medley for Orchestra* by Duke Ellington; Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* - selection for orchestra; and Ticheli and Cullum's *Playing with Fire* and Handy's *St. Louis Blues*.

Cullum's group has toured throughout the United States, Europe, Australia and Latin America. The group's career highlights have been appearances at Carnegie Hall, Wolftrap, Kennedy Center and most of the leading jazz festivals around the nation.

Tickets cost \$16, \$20 and \$23 at the door or may be purchased in advance by calling ETSO office at 592-1427.

## Art exhibit opens

"TJC and UTT Connection" is a new art exhibit that opened in Jenkins Hall this week.

It features the paintings of three students enrolled both at TJC and The University of Texas at Tyler. They are Ray Mutchall, Michael Jenkins and Gale Lassiter.

The exhibit which opened Monday will run through the second week of March.

## Videos to compete

Students from five high schools have recently entered in the annual Videos Unveiled Festival. The Festival is a joint project of TJC and Chapel Hill High School Gifted and Talented English III program planned for March 11 in the Rogers Student Center Festival Director Sue Barlow-Smith said.

Students from Mesquite, Carthage, Ore City, Longview and Chapel Hill have entered the contest. Contest categories include: documentaries, original scripts, video yearbooks, public service videos, communications, news shows, music videos and miscellaneous. Entrants range from individuals to groups to classes sponsored by their teachers.

The Festival will include workshops, free video vendor displays and an old-fashioned movie theater featuring films and popcorn. It will end with the selection of the Cassie Award winners.

Anchor reporter Jolene DeVito from KLTU Channel 7 will be the featured guest speaker at the festival.

An uplink truck will be on campus so spectators may view the process of

transporting video through satellite equipment.

TJC Video Club will assist with judging. Clips of the top three finishers will be shown and students do not have to be present to win, Barlow-Smith said.

## Dragsters to race

Those interested in drag racing can attend a season opener Feb. 24-26. Students will be admitted free with a valid college I.D., Texas Motorplex media services director Elon Werner said. The Winston Drag Racing Series will be held at the Texas Motorplex on highway 287 between interstates I-35 and I-45 near Ennis.

The Top Fuel Challenge will have eight of the world's best Top Fuel Dragsters competing for more than \$50,000 in prizes. More than 600 sportsman teams will compete for valuable Winston championship prizes.

## Volunteers need help

The TJC Volunteer Association needs students and faculty help. This organization responds to community needs. Its goal is to accept a challenge and meet it head on, Rebecca Foster said.

They need sponsors in advertising and T-shirts for the March 4 Walk a Mile for a Special Child and volunteers are needed for the March 11 Fun Run at T.K. Gorman High School.

"When someone volunteers, please let the TJCVA know so they can become a member," TJCVA sponsor said.

The TJCVA is strongly committed to continuing community development by practicing the theory of volunteerism, choosing to offer or give without being asked or obliged.

Volunteers are also needed for math tutoring, East Texas Crisis Center and at nursing homes.

"People need people," Foster said. Any TJC organization needing volunteer work can contact TJCVA about its needs at 510-2278.

## Snacks to come back

Some campus vending machines have been missing so students may be have been unable to buy their favorite drink. New machines are on the way, Purchasing Director Brian Turman said.

Campus vending services have been bid to another company, Turman said. This change occurred in January. The plan is to have the same number of machines on campus as before.

"Don't panic," Turman said. "We will be back to normal soon."

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# Bellydancing class to teach fitness, understanding

Carla Bass  
Staff Writer

Unveiling the secret to a perfect bellyroll is not the only goal of the new Middle Eastern Dance continuing education course. Bellydancer Debra Stevens also wants to reveal the history of this ancient dance.

"It's a very misunderstood art form. It involves culture and history. It's not a nightclub type of dance," Stevens said.

In ancient Egypt, bellydancing originated as an Egyptian birth dance known as *awalem*. The women of the tribe taught young girls abdominal movements imitating contractions.

"The history of the dance is pre-natal conditioning," Stevens said, who had two children by natural childbirth. "It's really a very natural thing for a woman's body to do."

Government Instructor Dr. Manouchehr Khosrowshahi planned the course after Steven's performance drew interest at "International Day" for two years. Both hope the class will clear up misconcep-

tions about Middle Eastern dance.

Stevens' personal bellydancing history began while she studied for a master's degree in English at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

"I needed an outlet to get me away from reading and studying," she said. "I saw an ad for a bellydancing class and decided to take it as a stress reliever. It worked and it's been a part of my life since then."

Although her full time job is in retail sales, Stevens has performed professionally in Austin, Dallas and Wichita Falls and at many Renaissance and art festivals. But, she said, advancing cultural awareness, not profit, is the main aim of her performances and the upcoming course.

She will include music, costuming, make-up and culture in the five-session scheduled 6-7 p.m. Thursdays April 16 to May 4 at the Regional Training and Development Complex.

Participants should wear leotards, tights and no shoes. Each class will open with a head-to-toe warm-up followed by instruction on various bellydancing movements.

Students should learn a short routine and gain muscle tone, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness and poise.

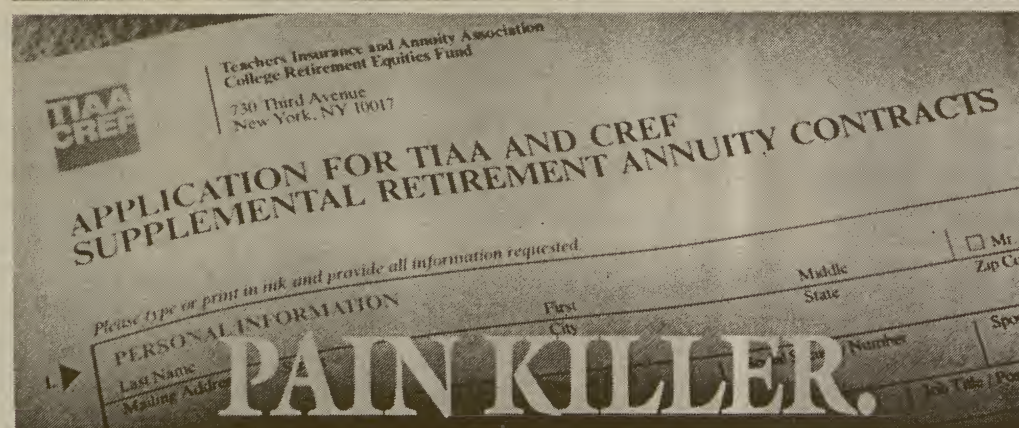
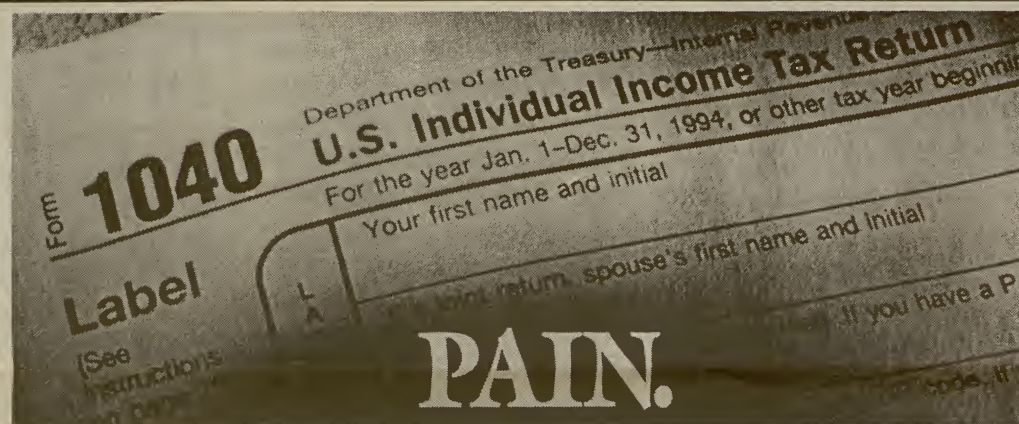
This class, open to men and women, costs \$20. Students can register in the Registrar's Office or the RTDC.



Courtesy photo

**NOT FOR NIGHTCLUBS--**The ancient Middle Eastern art of bellydancing was created to strengthen women for childbearing. Bellydancer Debra Stevens will teach a continuing education class in April and May open to men and women. Stevens and her dancing have attracted attention at International Day for the past two years. She says she dances at festivals and other places to advance cultural awareness.

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## Apaches play in state band

—UTT student participates due to partnership—

Connie Conner  
Staff Writer

Four Apache Band members were selected for the Texas Junior College All-State Band. They are: Jennifer Anderson, French horn; Kacy Bowman, oboe; Christi Scully, clarinet and Christopher Morris, trumpet, an alternate.

Walter Whittet, a UTT student who plays the trombone, joined them in the All-State Band. He was allowed to participate in the auditions because of the partnership agree-

ment between the two institutions, Band Director Ronald Todd said.

These students were selected by audition as among the very best players in the state on their instruments, Todd said.

They played a concert at the Texas Music Educators Association convention in San Antonio last week.

Kevin Sedatole, associate director of bands at Stephen F. Austin State University, conducted.

## Health Services advises flu shots

Suzanne Loudamy  
Staff Writer

"It's gonna happen folks," said Health Services Nurse Zelda Boucher, referring to the flu.

Health Services staff will continue to give flu shots into March, because, although the flu has been slow starting this year, it will come. Students who have not had the shot need to get it as soon as possible, Boucher said. Students on financial aid get the vaccine free and others pay \$5.

"As of the end of De-

cember, zero cases of flu had been reported by doctor's offices in the entire state of Texas," Boucher said.

Health Services does more than give flu shots. They provide health care for minor injuries, minor illness and medical emergencies.

"If a student is injured on campus, I am called to come and take of them," Boucher said. "If they need EMS, they will be called."

Students can get blood pressure checks, allergy injections, eye exams and other health maintenance programs including

health related videos, literature and counseling.

"The Smith County Public Health District is going to be on campus every other Tuesday," Boucher said. They will be doing HIV and STD testing that time. TB skin testing will be done 2-4 p.m. Feb 21 outside TV room in Rogers. No appointment is necessary for any of these tests.

Health Services is located on the second floor of Rogers Student Center. Walk-ins are accepted but, when possible, an appointment is suggested.

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## Theater students plan 5 spring shows

This spring theater students will produce four major productions and a workshop.

Theater Instructor Jacques Shackleford will direct "The Pajama Game," a musical comedy, in conjunction with the music program. The show runs

Feb. 23-25 in Wise Auditorium.

Nick Wilkinson, head of talent and casting for American Broadcasting Company TV, will teach a workshop April 3-4. Wilkinson is a former TJC student.

A faculty melodrama, "Dirty Works at the Crossroads" will open April 6 with other dates to be announced. Theater Instructor Vic Siller will direct the show.

Becky Faulds will direct a Reader's Theater "Appassionata" to be showcased sometime in mid-to late April. This production is part of competitions and will be done for the National Tournament in San Francisco.

The last production of the semester is "Scenes and Revelations". Dr. David Crawford, speech and theater program director, will direct this play from April 27 through May 2.

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# Groth looking for leaders

Jamie Lent  
Staff Writer

Now entering his third year as head baseball coach, Jon Groth is "very optimistic" about this year's team. He admits that they may take a few games to reach their full potential, but he is confident their talent will show.

Groth has an inexperienced team with only eight returning players. Of them, only Rick Modisette and Mike Karow are pitchers. Modisette had an earned run average of 3.52 last year while Karow, who also plays outfield, led the team with an E.R.A. of 2.61. Other returners are catchers Mark Mayo and Stephen Redden, outfielder Billy Whitehead, and infielders Brad Eubank, Jamey Parsons and Jeff Pool.

Whitehead lead the team last year with a .385 batting average.

Groth said he will rely heavily on the sophomores for leadership.

"For us to be a successful team, our sophomores must be leaders and help the younger players," Groth said.

Besides the eight returning players, the team includes 10 freshmen and seven transfer students. Freshman pitchers are: Ashley Colburn, Jake Dixon, Wyatt Halliday, Brandon Smith

and Heith White. Other freshmen are: catcher Jason Lee, infielders Brian Baklik and Byron Kilson and outfielders Matt McKinney and Jason Thompson.

Transfer students include pitchers Danny Guidry, Robb

*"I try to teach my players the bigger picture - that there is life after baseball and that values and school are much more important," Groth said.*

Kirkland, Shane Lafait and Joshua Skinner, catcher Brent Bubela and infielders Stephen Purl and James Sinor.

With 17 new players, Groth said, the team must learn to play together.

"Our freshman must gain confidence and the transfers must mix in so the team can join together," he said. The only way for this to happen is just time and experience.

In its third year, after an 18 year layoff, this team comes off a tie for fifth place in the Texas Eastern Athletic Conference last spring. The 1994 team finished

with a record of 30 wins and 26 losses overall and 12 and 16 in conference play.

Both of the previous two years, the team has been in the playoff hunt until the last weeks of the season, but came up short. In order to make the TEAC playoffs, a team must finish in first or second place.

Groth played for the University of New Orleans and in 1984 was in the College World Series. After college he played two years in the minor league in the Cincinnati Reds organization. From there he decided to turn to coaching, spending time as an assistant at both Georgia Southern and Texas A&M universities. He learned a lot from these coaches, he said, and hopes he can teach the same to his players.

"I try to teach my players the bigger picture - that there is life after baseball and that values and school are much more important," Groth said.

With a record of 0-2 they will play Feb. 24 at Cedar Valley College in Lancaster. Their next home game, also against Cedar Valley, will start at 2 pm, Feb. 25 at Mike Carter Field located behind the Rose Garden on West Houston Street. Admission is free with a valid TJC ID.

## Riley motivates players

Ambre Howard  
Staff Writer

Lee Ann Riley, Apache Ladies new head coach, tells players to "believe in yourself and work for what you want in life".

Riley, a former Apache Lady and assistant basketball coach, also believes in high academic standards for her players. The team meets twice a week for study hall. Tutors are also made available.

The Ladies have a Give Back Club in which each team member has to give 100 hours of community service.

Riley believes her team is lucky to be able to play for TJC

and should help give others the opportunity to be successful.

With a season record of 12-13 and a conference record of 6-3, they are doing well considering they were picked to finish last this season.

"We are just laying the foundation," Riley said. "This is just the beginning process."

Riley believes her young women must be self-confident, aggressive and do the best they can in order to play successful basketball at a junior college level.

"We're not the most talented team, but we have beaten some teams that we shouldn't have because of what my girls give," Riley said.

## 1995 Apache Baseball Schedule

Feb.	16-18	APACHE SPRING TOURNEY, TBA
	24	Cedar Valley College, 2 p.m.
	26	CEDAR VALLEY COLLEGE, 2 p.m.+
March	1	Brookhaven College, 1 p.m.+
	3-4	Bossier Parish Tournament, TBA
	6	Lee College, 1 p.m.+
	13	CONNORS STATE COLLEGE, 4 p.m.+
	15	ANGELINA COLLEGE*, 4 p.m.+
	18	Texarkana College*, 1 p.m.+

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\*Denotes conference games  
+Denotes doubleheader

Home games are played at Tyler's Mike Carter Field, 717 Fair Park Drive.

## Kick it! Karate course to begin in March

Holly Ellis  
Staff Writer

Children and adults can learn karate next month. The nine-week continuing education courses are designed to teach techniques in the art, sport and self-defense aspects of karate.

Uniforms, which are required, cost \$30 and may be ordered from the instructor.

Students age 5 and up can register through the third week of class.

Karl and Gwen Teowald will teach the classes in Gentry Gym inside the HPE Center. Classes will begin March 29 and end May 23.

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